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1. SUMMARY: PRESSURES ON PRSIDENT LAMIZANA TO SETTLE CRISIS ARE BEGINNING BECOME EVIDENT, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW DESIRABILITY HAVE MATTER SETTLED BEFORE UN SGY WALDHEIM'S VISIT FEB 20-21. THERE HAS HOWEVER, BEEN AS YET LITTLE FURTHER SUBSTANTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN CONTINUING POWER STRUGGLE BETWEEN RIVAL UDV-RDA POLITICIANS PRIME MINISTER GERARD KANGO OUEDRAOGO AND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT JOSEPH OUEDRAOGO. MEANWHILE, MORE INFORMATION IS BECOMING AVAILABLE AS RESULT CONTINUING POLEMIC BETWEEN THEIR CAMPS.

2. LOGIC OF HAVING SETTLEMENT BEFORE WALDHEIM VISIT IS  
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INCREASINGLY EVIDENT TO ALL, AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS MINIS-

TER TOLD ME CRISIS SHOULD BE SETTLED SOON FOR THAT REASON. CANCELLATION BY FRENCH OF FOCCART VISIT SCHEDULED FOR FEB 8, BECAUSE OF VOLTAN POLITICAL CRISIS, GIVES ADDED POIGNANCY TO THIS CONCERN. FOCCART HAD BEEN MANDATED BY PRESIDENT POMPIDOU TO VISIT SAHEL STATES TO DISCUSS DROUGHT, CONSULT WITH CILSS (DAKOURE AND KONATE), AND REPORT BACK.

3. SETTLEMENT IS EXPECTED BE BROUGHT ABOUT THROUGH ACTION BY PRESIDENT LAMIZANA. WHILE CONSTITUTION TECHNICALLY DOES NOT GIVE HIM POWER TO REMOVE PRIME MINISTER, IN PRACTICE HE CAN PROBABLY SETTLE THE CRISIS IN WHATEVER MANNER HE SEES FIT. IN PUBLISHED COMMUNIQUE, MAJORITY OF VOLTAN LABOR UNIONS (LED BY OVEL AND CNTV FEDERATIONS) URGED PRESIDENT TO PUT AN END TO CRISIS IN ORDER PRESERVE DEMOCRATIC LIBERTIES.

4. INFORMATION STILL COMING OUT SHOWS THAT ARRAY OF POLITICIANS OPPOSING PRIME MINISTER IS MORE IMPRESSIVE THAN AT FIRST KNOWN. HIS OPPONENTS IN UDV-RDA POLIT-BUREAU INCLUDE BILA CHARLES KABORE, INFLUENTIAL ADVISOR TO PRESIDENT LAMIZANA, AND LEADING TRADITIONAL CHIEF (AND MEMBER PARLIAMENT) FRANCOIS BOUDA. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT KABORE WAS THE LEADING MEMBER OF PRESIDENCY STAFF ACCOMPANYING LAMIZANA ON TRIP TO UN AND US LAST FALL.

5. IN ADDITION MEETING OF PARTY "COMITE DIRECTURE" REPORTED OUAGA 161, ANTI-GERARD GROUP HELD QUICKIE MEETING OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PARTY JAN 30. OF TOTAL 115 COUNCIL MEMBERS, 64 REPORTEDLY ATTENDED AND 61 APPROVED SUSPENSION OF GERARD AS PARTY PRESIDENT AND CALLED ON REMAINING UDV-RDA CABINET MINISTERS TO RESIGN. (MOST REMAINING UDV-RDA MINISTERS -- ZOROME, TRAORE, VICTOR OUEDRAOGO, TAMINI, AND LOMPOS -- APPEAR FAVOR PRIME MINISTER; HOWEVER MINISTER OF INDUSTRY PAULIN BATIENON, WHO IS MEMBER OF UDV-RDA POLITIBUREAU, IS LISTED AS A LATE SUPPORTER OF RESOLUTION AGAINST GERARD.)

6. OUTGOING DISPATCHES OF AFP CORRESPONDENT, HAVE BEEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CENSORED, RESULTING PROHIBITION ANY REPORTING BY HIM ON CRISIS EXCEPT FOR CRYPTIC REPORT CITED IN REFTEL 20537. HOWEVER, LOCAL LEWSPAPER L'OBSERVATEUR HAS CARRIED MAIN ELEMENTS OF SITUATION BY PUBLISHING COMPETING PRESS CONFERENCES OF GERARD AND JOSEPH.  
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